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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--December 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Following announcements on 24 December by Baghdad Voice of the Masses and Baghdad Domestic Service that an "important" communique would be broadcast on Iraqi victories at the front, and a Baghdad INA announcement that it would be extending its transmission until further notice, the bureau placed Iraqi media on open watch. The monitored communique reported the Iraqi defeat of a new Iranian offensive, the Karbala-IV operation. The bureau extended its hours of operation, filing pertinent reports and media behavior FYI's until Iraqi media signed off. On 25 December, in light of the continuation of the Iranian offensive and the subsequent hijacking of an Iraqi airliner en route to Jordan, bureau reinstituted its open watch on Iraqi media until signoff.

2. In response to a request passed on by the embassy political section from 'Abd al-Karaim 'Abu al-Hayjah, director of the Jordanian Occupied Territory Affairs Ministry's Department of Studies and Research, the bureau provided a copy of the videotape of the 19 December episode of Amman television's weekly program "With Our People in the Occupied Territory." The episode included a 4-minute interview with Hayjah in which he provides statistics on the establishment of Israeli settlements, number of settlers and property damage in the occupied territory. Jordan Television had experienced the famous "technical difficulties" with the taping and had been unable to provide him a copy of the videotape.

3. On 19 December, the bureau assumed primary coverage responsibilities for three more Egyptian weeklies and three Saudi dailies in a further realignment of Middle East coverage responsibilities. The additional coverage includes the Egyptian weeklies AL-MUSAWWAR, UKTUBAR and ROSE AL-YUSUF; and the Saudi dailies AL-JAZIRAH, 'UKAZ and AL-RIYAD.

4. In response to the increasing demand put on the bureau's monitorial staff as a result of the continuing expansion of coverage responsibilities, on 22 December Senior Monitor [] was relieved of his part-time cruising duties and returned full time to the straight monitorial ranks. Shift Supervisor [] a former bureau cruising monitor, assumed responsibility for coordinating the bureau's cruising effort. [] will spend one shift per week (a double-encumbered supervisor shift) doing systematic cruising and, based on his findings and

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observations, assign and coordinate further ongoing or ad hoc cruising projects, using the skills of trained cruisers [redacted] On a limited, carefully controlled basis, will begin to expose junior monitors to the joys of cruising.

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B. Lateral Services

1. Deputy Chief [redacted] and bureau lateral services officer [redacted] ably abetted by technician/systems manager [redacted] and Commo Supervisor [redacted] put the final touches to the bureau's new, improve, updated, consolidated, computer-age lateral service reference system. The new system centers around an easy-to-use, comprehensive but succinct lateral services manual, which features a listing of all bureau-originated and standard LRB BACH packages, arranged alphabetically by region/country. A copy of the manual will be forwarded to LRB for their wonderment.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau's part-time contract Admin Assistant, [redacted] resigned effective 3 January to accompany her husband, a USAID officer, back to Washington, D.C. In her place the bureau has hired [redacted] a dual American-Jordanian citizen resident in Jordan who will hopefully give the bureau some much-needed continuity in the job. She is, incidentally, the wife of the embassy [redacted] manager.

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ATT: Monthly Production Report

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	287,728
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	67,988
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	981

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7258	28488	148

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN			
MANAMA WAKH IN			
ARABIC		5858	
ALSO: ABU DHABI WAM IN			
ARABIC		788	
DOHA QNA IN			
ARABIC		2878	
MUSCAT QNA IN			
ARABIC		8	
MANAMA WAKH IN			
ENGLISH		318	
EGYPT			
CAIRO AKHBAR AL-YAWM IN			
ARABIC			2258
CAIRO AL-AHALI IN			8
ARABIC			
CAIRO AL-AHKAM IN			
ARABIC			6278
CAIRO AL-AKBAR IN			
ARABIC			3888
CAIRO AL-JUMHURIYAH IN			
ARABIC			6878
CAIRO MENA IN			
ARABIC		228	
CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR IN			
ARABIC			4688
CAIRO ROSE AL-YUSUF IN			
ARABIC			788
FRANCE			
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN			
ARABIC	18828		
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN			
ARABIC			8
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN			
ARABIC			5248
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN			
ARABIC		25898	
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE PLO IN			
ARABIC		22878	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC		2828	
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ARABIC			17578
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ENGLISH			8
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN			
ARABIC			8
BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN			
ARABIC			8
ISRAEL			
JERUSALEM IN			
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	1988		
JORDAN			
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			

ENGLISH	270	
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	3530	
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ENGLISH	0	
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN		
ARABIC	2600	
AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN		
ARABIC	90	
AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN		
ARABIC	4950	
AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN		
ARABIC	5760	
AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN		
ENGLISH	440	
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH	12670	
AMMAN SAWT AL-SHA'B IN		
ARABIC	4610	
KUWAIT		
KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN		
ARABIC	4080	
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN		
ARABIC	3330	
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN		
ARABIC	1600	
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN		
ARABIC	6290	
KUWAIT TIMES IN		
ENGLISH	0	
LEBANON		
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN		
ARABIC	1790	
OMAN		
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	2530	
MUSCAT 'UMAM IN		
ARABIC	80	
OMAN DAILY OBSERVER IN		
ENGLISH	830	
QATAR		
DOHA AL-RAYAH IN		
ARABIC	220	
SAUDI ARABIA		
AL-DANNAM AL-YAMM IN		
ARABIC	160	
JEDDAH SAUDI GAZETTE IN		
ENGLISH	500	
SUDAN		
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ARABIC	11200	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ENGLISH	14200	
KHARTOUM KUNA IN		
ENGLISH TO KUNA KUWAIT	700	
SYRIA		
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	20520	
DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	2920	
DAMASCUS SANA IN		
ARABIC	3970	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD IN		
ARABIC	5100	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I IN		
ARABIC	1640	
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN IN		
ARABIC	2130	
YEMEN		
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE IN		
ARABIC	18000	
SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	10030	

NOTE: INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE FIGURES UPDATED AS OF 31ST
DECEMBER 1986.